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SUBJECT : Comments [REDACTED]
on American Prisoners of War Remaining in
Vietnam

Attached as of possible interest to you is a report resulting
from information obtained [REDACTED] late January
1977. We are giving this report no further dissemination.

J William W. Wells [REDACTED]

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SUBJECT: Comments [REDACTED] on
American Prisoners of War Remaining in Vietnam

ACQ : [REDACTED]

SOURCE : [REDACTED]

1. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] there were American prisoners of war (POW's) still remaining in Vietnam and that these POW's posed a problem to the opening of diplomatic relations between the SRV and the United States (U.S.). [REDACTED] these POW's included some who did not want to return to the U.S. [REDACTED]

2. [REDACTED] Comment: Other than one American civilian who was arrested in Saigon after its fall in 1975, the SRV is not known to have any live American military or civilian prisoners. Nevertheless, several unconfirmed reports have appeared since May 1975 on the possibility of some U.S. prisoners still remaining in Vietnam.)

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